



March 12, 2009

Jonathan S. Adelstein
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Alfred Mann Foundation Petition for Rulemaking
RM-11404

Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

The Alfred Mann Foundation ("AMF") urges the Commission to act expeditiously on its above-referenced petition for a rulemaking to allocate spectrum and establish service rules allowing new wideband medical micropower network service ("MMNS") devices in the 413-457 MHz band on a secondary, non-harmful interference basis. The petition has been pending since September 2007, has been on circulation at the Commission level since mid-January 2009, and is ripe for decision.

Prompt commencement of the requested rulemaking will serve the public interest and expedite delivery of the public benefits that the Administration has committed to achieving through its economic stimulus plan. Specifically, Commission adoption of the proposed MMNS allocation and service rules will facilitate the development of innovative medical technology that will revolutionize healthcare in America by making it possible to provide medical treatment and therapy previously thought to be out of reach for millions of Americans suffering from neuromuscular injuries or conditions. The development of this nascent technology also will increase U.S. productivity by both creating new job opportunities in the high technology market and enhancing the productivity of injured or disabled Americans. Moreover, this medical breakthrough technology will help the United States fulfill its obligations to assist and care for wounded American veterans who suffered spinal cord, brain, and other serious neuromuscular injuries while serving their country.



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These and many other public interest benefits cannot be achieved without prompt Commission action. Accordingly, AMF urges the Commission to grant its petition and initiate the requested rulemaking as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David L. Hankin", is written over the typed name.

David L. Hankin

cc: Renée Crittendon